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Understanding CPR, Ventilators & Palliative Care

Today's speaker

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What is CPR?

Why is this important to understand?

- ▶ **CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) is an attempt to restart a person's heart when the heart has stopped beating or cannot pump blood.**





What is a ventilator?

- ▶ **A ventilator (also called a breathing machine) does the work for the lungs when someone is unable to breathe on their own.**

What is code status?



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- ▶ **Code status refers to the level of medical interventions a patient wishes to have started if their heart or breathing stops.**

What is palliative care?

- ▶ **Palliative care is specialized medical care for people living with serious illnesses.**
- ▶ **Focuses on providing patients with a coordinated plan.**
- ▶ **Includes symptom relief, curative interventions, pain and stress management.**



What is palliative care?

- ▶ **Appropriate at any stage of a serious illness.**
- ▶ **Helps the patient and family establish goals of care to improve the quality of life for both the patient and the family.**
- ▶ **Includes a physician, nurse, and social worker, as well as other specialists such as pharmacists, nutritionists, and chaplains.**





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- ▶ **Understanding the POLST Form with Maureen McEachen, LCSW, Medical Social Worker, Central Coast VNA and Hospice**
- ▶ **Advance Health Care Planning Using Advance Directives with Philip Geiger, Director of Outreach, Hospice Giving Foundation.**

Thank you for attending this webinar!

Final Reminders...

- ▶ **Talk with your doctor about your health care wishes.**
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- ▶ **Contact HG Foundation if you need assistance.**





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